

High School 2004 Released Prompt

Organization

Prompt A

Your community is concerned about the lack of structured activities for youth after school and on weekends. The community leaders are planning the construction of a new youth center.

Write an essay to be read by community leaders convincing them what activities should be included at the youth center. Explain how the activities will have a positive influence on the youth.

Your essay should include:

- An introduction, body, and conclusion.
- A clearly stated position.
- Specific, appropriate reasons.
- Persuasive word choice.

Remember to edit for spelling, grammar, punctuation, and capitalization.

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<p>3</p> <p>An attempt has been made to organize the writing; however, the overall structure is inconsistent or skeletal. The writing is characterized by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attempts at sequencing, but the order or the relationship among ideas may occasionally be unclear. • a beginning and an ending which, although present, are either undeveloped or too obvious (e.g. “My topic is...”, “These are all the reasons that...”) • transitions that sometimes work. The same few transitional devices (e.g., coordinating conjunctions, numbering, etc.) may be overused. • a structure that is skeletal or too rigid. • placement of details that may not always be effective. • organization which lapses in some places, but helps the reader in others. 	<p>2</p> <p>The writing lacks a clear organizational structure. An occasional organizational device is discernible; however, the writing is either difficult to follow and the reader has to reread substantial portions, or the piece is simply too short to demonstrate organizational skills. The writing is characterized by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some attempts at sequencing, but the order or the relationship among ideas is frequently unclear. • a missing or extremely undeveloped beginning, body, and/or ending. • a lack of transitions, or when present, ineffective or overused. • a lack of an effective organizational structure. • details that seem to be randomly placed, leaving the reader frequently confused. 	<p>1</p> <p>The writing lacks coherence; organization seems haphazard and disjointed. Even after rereading, the reader remains confused. The writing is characterized by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a lack of effective sequencing. • a failure to provide an identifiable beginning, body and/or ending. • a lack of transitions. • pacing that is consistently awkward; the reader feels either mired down in trivia or rushed along too rapidly. • a lack of organization which ultimately obscures or distorts the main point.

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I think so, that the activities will can be techniques, for they learn of a type different with games, histories, books, chores and works and activities that for they will be perfects.

All students need grow and study because need study with games for that their mind grow helting and don't be confusing.

About this and of the activities will can make this, will have a area where they play basketball or other sport make games with the program of education that be giving. Because all students be fastidiousing of the plan of education different where of activities be funny.

The writing lacks coherence; organization seems haphazard...; ...the writing is characterized by a lack of transitions and a lack of organization which ultimately obscures or distorts the main point. There is no true, focused beginning or ending, the bookends for organization.

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For our Activitys I think we should
open a new Youth Center.

These are the activitys that we
are going to have in our youth
Center. We are going to have jogging,
tennis, football and Basketball.

This will help people to be in
shape and be healthy and strong, and
keep people out of trouble, gangs
and drugs.

People will have fun in our
Center.

The writing lacks clear organizational structure. The writing is characterized by a missing or extremely undeveloped beginning, body, and/or ending. Both the beginning and the ending are underdeveloped and offer only general information leaving the reader frequently confused.

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Hello Community leaders I thank you for reading this on youth center activities. A good activity for kids who like to "hangout" while getting about an hour and a half of exercise is basketball. It is a sport that not only tests your athletic attributes but your mental skills as well. For example lets say you go in for a lay-up and get the ball swatted, your brain makes a note not to do it again it's a mental attribute called adaption. It is something that needs to be learned and used by kid's. Another good social activity would be dance's. It is something kids can do at night. Instead of being out on the street's doing drugs. It gives them something else to talk about instead of "how much chron do you want". For those kids who aren't so athletic you could have them play chess or checkers both need and take a lot of concentration. Or you could even have pool it takes concentration, hand eye coordination, and kids can have a soda and talk if they wanted to. You could even throw a small tournament

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and have a small prize in chess/checkers or pool. One major thing in kids lives is school and two major problems are studying and turning in homework. If you could make an after school study session it would greatly help the kids with their work and prepare for a test the next day. I know your thinking "kids dont like to study" well maybe if we could find a way to make it fun we would. When kids need to get away from it all on the weekends we should plan two trips every month to an game out of town or something. Trips are a good social and relaxing thing to do which a lot of kids need. So then Community leaders there are my thoughts and ideas please think them through thank you.

An attempt has been made to organize the writing... The writing is characterized by a beginning and an ending which, although present, are ...underdeveloped ...too obvious...and ...a structure that is skeletal... For instance, "Hello community leaders I thank you for reading this is on youth center activities" is an underdeveloped as well as an obvious lead for the paper. There is no transition to the next sentence such as the word "Another" used four sentences later. The absence of paragraphing adds to the confusion of the organization.

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What is wrong with today's youth? It seems that every news report centers around a child who has done a misdeed. Children today are causing more trouble because they have an excess of freetime and a lack of structured activities in their lives. This is where the community needs to step up to help the youth. By building a youth center, children would be able to engulf themselves in sports, arts & crafts as well as receive homework assistance.

A new youth center would first need an athletics program. It's simple sports attract kids and that is the goal of a youth center to attract new members. The youth center could offer a football, baseball and basketball team. All of which could invite new members to try. When children are in athletics they lack the amount of freetime that leads to trouble, thus reducing the number of problems within the community. As a bonus to all the positive children in athletics also learn to become team players, a valuable life skill.

As well as boasting an athletic program, the youth center could feature an arts and crafts program.

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With arts & crafts children are allowed to develop their creative sides. Sides of themselves which they may never have explored before. The children would be allowed to try their hand at ceramics, painting, sculpting and a wide variety of other activities.

Finally, the most helpful program would be offered, homework help. This crucial program could allow students to come in and work with qualified tutors, people whom they could trust. Imagine the drastic affect this could have on the community. Not only would it occupy time for the youth, but it would also help them scholastically.

What the community needs now is a youth center. A place where children feel safe and at home. A place where they can play sports, engage in art and receive help in school. A place like this is the answer.

Organization is clear and coherent. Order and structure are present, but may seem formulaic. There is clear sequencing but an organization that is predictable. The paper is also an example of a body that is easy to follow with details that fit where placed. While this paper has a predictable question as a lead, a powerful conclusion brings closure. The overall formulaic organization is predictable.



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A great idea only happens every once in a while. A youth center for our community just so happens to be that very idea. It's not often that our fellow children and teenagers have an advantage to take part in other activities that pull them away from the boredom of home. A new youth center may be the sudden change this community needs. However, one question will stand amongst everything. What will our new center have to offer?

I have a few suggestions of my own. Why not have an indoor basketball court? A basketball court can be very beneficial because it can be used for more than one thing; therefore having the capability to save money as well as space. It could also help kids from being effected by the various weather conditions while playing a sport. Needless to say, hardwood would be much better than hard cement.

Another activity that comes to mind is volleyball. This sport is fun and can be time consuming. The way this is played is through teamwork. Kids learning teamwork can be useful perhaps outside of school. For example, if someone needed help to lift a heavy box from a car, they might not be so hesitant to help.

Board games may come in handy also. These types of games should be set up in a particular room with tables and chairs. This can be for a person looking forward to sitting down and relaxing. Board games can too help put the kid's minds to use. Chess is a very good example. To be able to win in this game you

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must have some kind of strategy.

My last request is for indoor soccer to be a part of a regular leisure activity. I know a few kids who would absolutely love to have a place to play soccer. A place where they can enjoy themselves and keep cool at the same time. Indoor soccer can be played by anyone whether or not you know how to play, others would gladly let you watch. It's not a sport where severe injuries happen either. Soccer is a sport that lets you sit back or play hard.

All-in-all, the sport activities that I've requested and have mentioned are all positive ways to keep kids out of trouble. It may give them the positive lead to considering these things as something they might want to continue to do. If kids are having problems they can now relax. There is always a time to get away, so why not do something you enjoy?

The order and structure are strong and move the reader through the text...smooth effective transitions through all elements (sentences, paragraphs, ideas). ...details that fit where placed. Both the lead and the conclusion in this paper are strong. The transitions are smooth and effective.



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As you know, plans are in place for a new youth center. There are many similar centers that have benefited youths from all walks of life. The establishment in question would bring in a great deal of students from neighboring schools. This youth center should be similar to some of the effective centers already in effect to the extent they offer their activities. The activities to be considered should include a select few indoor sports, a couple outdoor sports, and academic tutoring and classes as well.

For starters, indoor sports are a must have. These sports are essential due to the population of susceptible to skin cancer and too much heat. Indoor sports would last longer throughout the day than the outdoor sports. When the outdoor sports are wrapping up by nightfall, indoor sports are still going strong. One particular sport to be played inside would be basketball. Basketball is favorable by many youths and would therefore bring in a large population of kids. A second sport that could be utilized is swimming. Swimming still works the body while not being as straining as sports such as basketball. Though we cannot rely only on indoor sports, it is still an intricate part of the youth center.

Secondly, outdoor sports cannot be ruled out either. There are many sports that can't be played inside. One such sport, and possibly a favorite, would have to be football. Football, while very aggressive, works the mind, upper body, and lower body. A second outside sport would be the great American past time of baseball. Pertaining to youths who don't have an acquired taste for exhausting sports, baseball is a blue paced and less aggressive.

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Outdoor basketball is a definite sport to be included. It has all the same qualities as indoor basketball, but is warmer outside and gets your blood pumping more and makes you perspire more. It is very obvious that outdoor sports are just as essential as indoor sports.

Now that physical fitness is satisfied, only academics is left to be pursued. If students are to be the target, then school needs to be too. A homework-helper program is an awesome idea. Students will come to a point in school where they can't ask parents or peers for help. For whatever reason, which is where the youth center would step in. Homework is not always the case though. If the student needs help overall in a class, then a tutoring program would be helpful. Real life skills, computers in particular, in this day and age are crucial. Computers are used in almost every single job in the job market, so if the youths learn them now, they will have a head start. When compared to sports and the like, school and academics are just as important.

Ultimately, this community youth center will have a profound impact on the community and its youths as well. Indoor sports are essential because some kids want to be active, but not in this grueling heat. Not all sports can be played inside, which is where the outdoor sports come into play. Appealing to youths who are not successful in school, that is just as imperative. What does all this mean? Well, it means that no matter how the construction of this center is viewed, it needs to be built, for the sake of the communities youth.

The organization enhances the central idea(s) and development. The order and structure are compelling... a strong, inviting beginning that draws the reader in and a strong satisfying sense of resolution or closer. The conclusion in this paper is strong and provides resolution. Transitions within and between paragraphs seem effortless. The reader is drawn into and through the paper's natural flow.

